

## Curriculum Letter for YR - Autumn Term 2 2025

### General Information

Wow, what a busy first half term! We are really enjoyed getting to know everyone and have had a great start to the school year. We have got lots more exciting activities planned for the next couple of months - watch this space.

As the weather is so changeable, please make sure your child has a coat in school every day.

A polite reminder about our voluntary autumn term donation of £3. This much needed fund enables our children to take part in regular messy play and cooking sessions, as well as helping to pay for replacement items throughout the year such as craft materials. Many thanks for your support by making this payment via ParentPay.

### Curriculum

**Topic:** Our topic this half term is **Friendship and Festivals**. We will be reading lots of fantastic stories about friendship and doing a range of activities linked to them. Our core books are 'A Best Friend for Bear' and 'Puffin Peter' by Petr Horáček and 'Hello Friend' by Rebecca Cobb.

**Knowledge & Understanding of the World:** We will be thinking about key events and festivals that take place in November and December. We will be having a visit from Rabbi Jacobi to talk about Hanukkah and will be thinking about the Nativity story as we prepare for our Christmas performance.

Each term we explore the seasons, at the moment we are looking how our local environment changes during **Autumn**. We will be taking part in World Nursery Rhyme week from 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> November we will be learning new rhymes and revisiting traditional ones too.

We love to explore our local area. This half term we will be going on a Christmas quest and walking to the postbox to post our letters to Santa.

**Personal, Social & Emotional Development:** Through circle times, we are exploring why families and special people are valuable and special. We will be learning the importance of sharing and cooperating with each other and building special relationships.

**Literacy:** We follow the **Little Wandle** phonics and reading programme. This includes daily whole class phonics lessons, as well as regular reading sessions, with an adult throughout the week. We have just started reading groups, so look out for a letter about how to access eBooks from home. Please refer to the documents sent home on Tapestry, showing the sounds that we have already covered and those will be covering this half term.

**Mathematics:** Maths will be taught daily, following the **My Mastery** scheme. We will be focusing on the key skills of addition and subtraction. We will also be sorting shapes and using different units of measure.

**Expressive Art & Design:** We will be doing lots of seasonal crafts as well as Christmas themed cooking. We will be learning lots of new songs, with Makaton sign language, as we rehearse for our Nativity performance.

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*Physical Development:* PE is timetabled for Friday mornings with Coach Kymani, all children must wear their PE kits to school. PE takes place in small groups with the children learning to play games together which focus on developing their gross motor skills.

### Reading

Children will bring home a library book each Friday to share with their family. We will be starting reading groups this half term, so look out for a letter about how to access eBooks from home. Please refer to the documents sent home on Tapestry, showing the sounds that we have already covered. eBooks are set every Friday, so you can log in from home and listen to your child read the book that they have been using in their reading group.

### Homework

Each Friday we set a short homework activity. This is either a hands-on activity, a talk task or an assignment on *Busy Things*. The task will reinforce learning that has taken place during the school week.

Please read our **Knowledge Organiser** which has been uploaded on Tapestry. This is a one-page overview of our learning for this half term.

### Key Dates and Events

Anti-bullying week and Odd Socks Day (Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> )	w/c Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November
National Nursery rhyme week	w/c Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November
Michael Rosen day	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November
PTA Neon Disco	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November
Parents' Meetings in school (letter emailed)	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November
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RB Story Café	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 3 p.m. main hall
RW Story Café	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 3 p.m. main hall
Reception Nativity performance (morning)	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December
Reception Nativity performance (afternoon)	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December
Non-Uniform day (festive clothes)	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December
PTA Christmas Fayre (after school)	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December
Term ends at 2 p.m.	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
Start of Spring term	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January